



**All Ages,  
All Stages NC**

## Recommendations for Aging Adults with Disabilities and Their Caregivers & DSP Studies

## Aging Adults with Disabilities & Their Caregivers DRAFT Recommendations



1. Enhance the collection and analysis of disability data in North Carolina in order to better plan for adults with disabilities who have caregivers age 60 years or older.
2. Ensure all Home and Community Based Services and other government funded long-term care services and supports are meeting the needs of individuals with disabilities whose caregivers can no longer provide support to them, and that there is a robust system of coordinated services that are consistent and transferrable throughout the state.



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3. Ensure the establishment of a crisis plan for individuals with disabilities in instances where their caregiver is unable to provide support, with priority given to such individuals for receiving Home and Community Based Services if they are not already receiving them.
4. Secure funding for Future Planning Counselors to assist individuals with disabilities and their families in preparing a plan where a parent or caregiver is no longer available or able to provide care.

5. Establish cross-disciplinary task forces and collaborative projects that bring together representatives from the aging and disability communities to identify specific shared challenges and develop targeted solutions, promoting a more integrated and effective approach to addressing the unique needs of aging adults with disabilities.

5. Create a public awareness campaign for policymakers and citizens to know the stories of people with disabilities and their families who have aging caregivers and the related significant financial, health, and mental health challenges they confront.



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7. Ensure that the evolving housing and support needs of senior individuals with disabilities are met so they can age in place and have equal and accommodative access to aging supports, programs, and facilities.
8. Utilize new behavioral health funding and Tailored Care Managed Plans to ensure that aging adults with behavioral health needs, including I/DD and TBI, are met.



# DSP Rate Studies/Legislation

- I/DD Rate Study in 2022/2023
  - \$11.50 an hour on average pre-covid. It would take \$90 million state funding to get to DSPs to average \$18.00 an hour.
  - 2023 Budget including \$60 million state dollars.
- EJEC/MAHEC working on 2024 DSP Rate Study Across all North Carolina areas of providing Direct Care. Funding potentially from DHHS.
- Governor's 2024 Budget -- \$180 million for community DSPs and others
- HB 1003 – DD Omnibus bill

Economic Impact  
Study – Arc of  
NC/NCCDD

For every state dollar  
invested additional  
\$1.17 to \$1.63 an hour  
in economic impact.